



STATE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS  
**BOARD POLICY NUMBER: 20-2**  
SUBJECT: Sentence Reductions  
DATE: July 16, 2003

- 20-2.1 POLICY. The Board of Corrections recognizes the importance of credits allowed in cases of injuries to, or extraordinary services performed by, state responsible inmates. The Board, with the consent of the Governor, may allow such credits toward the term of an inmate who is convicted of a felony offense committed on or after January 1, 1995.

The Department of Corrections shall develop general guidelines for sentence reductions in all institutions. The guidelines shall define the criteria for sentence reduction recommendations, the responsibilities of institutional personnel and the procedure to be used in recommending consideration to the Board.

- 20-2.2 AUTHORITY. Code of Virginia, Section

[53.1-191](#), Credits Allowed in Cases of Injuries to or Extraordinary Service  
Performed by Prisoners; Nonforfeiture of Credits Hereunder

[53.1-202.2](#), Eligibility for Earned Sentence Credit

- 20-2.3 REFERENCES. None.

- 20-2.4 IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES.

Division Operating Procedure 810, Sentence Reduction

- 20-2.5 EFFECTIVE DATE. July 16, 2003.

- 20-2.6 SUPERSESSSION. This policy supersedes Board Policy 20-2, dated September 17, 1998.

- 20-2.7 REVIEW DATE. This policy must be reviewed and updated as necessary.

*Adopted by the Board of Corrections on May 21, 2003.*

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